

BRISTOL TENNESSEE BETTER PROPERTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Easley Municipal Annex
104 8th Street | Bristol, TN 37620
June 22, 2023
5:00 PM

Members Present:

Pamela Offield, Chairwoman
Randall Cook, Vice-Chairman
Lonnie Barrett, Secretary
Pamela Ley

Staff Present:

Kevin Beddingfield
Kim Lester
Danielle Smith
Cari Seaton
Bretta Morenings

Members Absent:

John Taylor

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pamela Offield called the Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM Thursday, June 22, 2023. A roll call was performed, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lonnie Barrett motioned to approve minutes from the May 25, 2023 meeting. Pamela Ley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS

A. 305 Johnston Avenue

Kim Lester reviewed imagery of the property and stated the home was posted as unfit for occupancy due to no water or electricity. She noted the owner was living in a tent in the backyard and discussed the necessary repairs to make the home habitable.

Randall Cook motioned to have a public hearing at the July 27, 2023 meeting. Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. 2237 Weaver Pike #3

Kim Lester reviewed imagery of the property and stated the owner is currently incarcerated but was previously living on the porch. The structure was posted unfit for occupancy due to unsanitary conditions, unsafe electrical, and no water.

Lonnie Barrett motioned to have a public hearing at the July 27, 2023 meeting. Pamela Ley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

C. 948 Hill Street

Representative: Theresa Radford

Ms. Radford discussed repairs to the property and confirmed she has water and power. Kim Lester presented imagery of the property and stated the owner, Frank Crawford, pulled a permit for repairs but did not provide the requested rent-to-own documentation. Ms. Lester stated Mr. Crawford did not request a final inspection for the permitted work. Ms. Radford disputed this and said the repairs were inspected by the City. Ms. Lester confirmed no legal inspections were performed by City staff. Ms. Radford then said she did not purchase the home from Mr. Crawford but from his partner, Jameson Graybeal, who told her the home was posted as unfit for occupancy to prevent trespassers.

Discussion ensued about current ownership and final inspections. Ms. Radford insisted she owns the home. Ms. Lester noted the deed is in Frank Crawford's name and speculated Ms. Radford was renting to own. Ms. Lester stated if the electricity, smoke detectors and water pass final inspection, the City would rescind the unfit for occupancy status.

Pamela Ley motioned to have a progress report at the September 28, 2023 meeting. Randall Cook seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

TRASH AND DEBRIS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PROGRESS REPORTS

A. 616 6th Street

Representative: Travis Stevenson

Mr. Stevenson stated the home was cleaned out, listed for sale and currently under contract. Ms. Lester presented imagery of the property and said the City could meet a representative onsite to determine necessary repairs with the potential homeowners. Yasmine Mendoza, one of the potential buyers, said she and an unidentified person were purchasing the home to renovate it.

Discussion ensued regarding the closing and repairs to the home.

Pamela Ley motioned for a progress report at the July 27, 2023 meeting. Randall Cook seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. 1215 5th Street / 102 E Cedar Street

Kim Lester reviewed imagery of the property and stated she has not received any updates from the representative. Discussion ensued regarding future use and repairs.

Randall Cook motioned to have a progress report at the September 28, 2023 meeting. Pamela Ley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. 266 Indian Trail

Kim Lester presented imagery of the property and noted property clearance is underway. She discussed the new owner’s project history and completion of previous jobs and renovations with the City and noted he had not pulled a permit.

Lonnie Barrett motioned to have a progress report at the July 27, 2023 meeting. Pamela Ley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FUTURE PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. 2931 Broad Street #132 7/27/23
- B. 902 Windsor Avenue 8/24/23
- C. 813 Leona Street TBD Demolition
- D. 1709 Anderson Street TBD Demolition
- E. 2089 King College Road TBD Litigation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

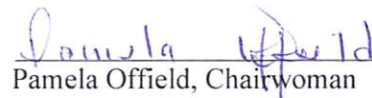
None.

OTHER MATTERS

Pamela Offield discussed the end of her term and intention to reapply for the Better Property Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters to present to the board, Chairwoman Pamela Offield adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.



Pamela Offield, Chairwoman